

## NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS COUNCIL OF CLARK COUNTY

### MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 10, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Art Stubbs at 7 p.m. Introductions were made and the following were in attendance: Mary Keltz, Clark County PIO; Art Stubbs, Green Meadows; Bud Van Cleve, NE Hazel Dell; Sue Lintz, E. Minnehaha; Ron Price, Pleasant Highlands; Mike Cooke, CCSO; Susan Gilbert, Enterprise/Paradise Point; Brian Wolfe, Port of Vancouver Commissioner; Todd Coleman, Port of Vancouver; Zita Podant, citizen; Jan Bowers, City of Vancouver; Alex Maynes, Pleasant Highlands; Milada Allen, Felida; Doug Ballou, NACCC Chair; Holly Gaya, Clark County Neighborhood Outreach; Gloria Sommer, Andresen/St. Johns; George Vartanian, Fairgrounds; Ila Stanek, West Hazel Dell; Don Wastler, citizen; Bridget Schwarz, FOCC; Robyn Kim, Greater Brush Prairie.

Art Stubbs, Vice Chairman, started the meeting at 7:00 pm with introductions and introduced the first guest speaker.

#### **Jan Bower – Vancouver Transportation Dept. – “Drive Less and Save More” Program**

The City of Vancouver has rolled out a program to encourage less driving that includes urging reducing single-person trips and “trip chaining” which is combining errands and appointments into one trip instead of several. They have three TV ads, radio commercials, as well as static decals for individual cars. Their website is [www.DriveLessSaveMore.com](http://www.DriveLessSaveMore.com). The partner kit is not yet posted, but will be up soon. Citizens can log into the website to get information.

#### **Todd Coleman – Port of Vancouver – Economic Development and Conservation Plan**

Todd presented the Port of Vancouver’s working plans for the expansion and conservation plans for the Port. This includes:

- Columbia Gateway – The industrial-zoned land west of the current port which is designated for new maritime and industrial use;
- Parcels 6 and 7 located north of NW Lower River Road which will be developed for light industrial use, generating new jobs for Clark County workers within 2 years;
- Rail and Road Improvements – Plans to eliminate gridlock by expanding and improving rail and road access;
- Partnerships and Funding – Working with the community and federal agencies to develop smart, efficient funding methods;
- Environmental Stewardship – Over half the acreage is set aside for environmental mitigation.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Three representatives have been chosen to attend the NUSA meeting in Kansas City. They are: Bud Van Cleve, Bridget Schwarz (NUSA Board Member), and Jamie Allen. Chairman Doug Ballou and Holly Gaya will also be attending.

Doug received a request from Erin Nolan for a letter of recommendation to submit with her application to Lewis & Clark Law School. Doug had prepared a letter and distributed it to meeting attendees. There was no discussion on that request – it was unanimously approved!

The Columbia River Crossing Project is having two open houses this week. Wednesday at Hudsons Bay HS and Thursday at Red Lion from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Information can be found on their website: [www.columbiarivercrossing.org](http://www.columbiarivercrossing.org).

Klineline Fishing Kids is this weekend – the biggest kids fishing event in the Northwest.

Commissioner Steve Stuart is having a town hall meeting on the environment on Thursday, April 13.

Zita Podant, NACCCs webmaster, wants to have newsletters from NA to place on the web page. All neighborhood associations should contact her by e-mail at [zitap123@gmail.com](mailto:zitap123@gmail.com). Our new web address is [www.clarkneighborhoods.org](http://www.clarkneighborhoods.org). Zita would also like to include in a calendar on the website the dates of all neighborhood meetings, so please contact her with that information.

## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Sue Lintz – E. Minnehaha – Sue announced that an Oxford House is going in at 8915 NE 58<sup>th</sup> St. which is designed to help rehabilitate drug and alcohol offenders who have been clean for 28 days. Her NA is holding a educational meeting for its members with Oxford House reps to help the community understand its operation and guidelines. Mike Cooke of CCSO mentioned that there are several in Vancouver and few problems associated with them.

Robyn Kim – Greater Brush Prairie – The NA will file an appeal on Wednesday to the EIS. Robyn went to the facility that Lakeside has in Hillsboro and found the berms to be inadequate. They need funds to help in the fight against its location.

Bud Van Cleve – NE Hazel Dell – Bud announced that there have been no problems with the CRC establishment. He mentioned that a meeting at the West Precinct on Thursday at 1 p.m. will include a presentation of the replacement of the Klineline Bridge. Bud reminded each NACCC member that he needs a list of what neighborhood leaders have been involved in with the county, both past and current so that the county has a better understanding of the many hours put in by citizens for the betterment of the county. Bud also said that CRC criteria my be included in the county code for clinics.

Alex Maynes – Pleasant Highlands – They held their annual meeting two weeks ago and elected Ron Price as president. The park near Gray Hawk will be developed in the fall but there is a portion of that land that is being developed for housing. The development fronts on 50<sup>th</sup> Ave. so a different entrance is planned for the park.

Sgt. Cooke – CCSO – Sgt. Cooke announced that September is National Emergency Preparedness” month and there will be a meeting for citizens to come “build your own kit”. They will focus on 72 hour survival kits. NAs can get the word out when the time nears.

Susan Gilbert – Enterprise/Paradise Pt. – Susan announced that the Cowlitz development proposal's Draft EIS will be published on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Citizens will have it available at the libraries around town and there will be a 90-day comment period beginning on that day. Her NA will be going over it a commenting extensively on its contents. She also announced that SlowFoods of SW Washington, along with other organizations will be giving a first-ever tour of school gardens on Thursday, April 13 at Hazel Dell Elementary School from 6-6:30 p.m. They will be discussing the importance and value of a school garden project. All are welcome. Susan also urged members to learn more about Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) which connects local farmers with local consumers. Contact Susan for further information.

Bridget Schwarz – FOCC – The newsletter is out and available. Reminder that Steve Stuart is holding town meeting on April 13.

Milada Allen – Felida – Dedication ceremony took place to dedicate picnic tables and benches in Felida Park which have plaques attached. There will be a meeting about Crawford Park on April 18 at 6:30 p.m. to get ideas about its development. Felida NA election night will be April 26 at 7 p.m. at the Felida Station.

Don Wastler – citizen – Don would like to have more people, possibly neighborhood leaders from NACCC and others, be able to tour Camp Bonneville. He is working on the arrangements to make that happen.

Ila Stanek – W Hazel Dell – Next meeting is May 15. Milada, Ila and George are involved in the walkability survey through Leadership Clark County. She passed out a "Grant Tool Kit" developed by Karmel Shields of LCC for members to peruse and comment on those areas in the tool kit that don't apply.

George Vartanian – Fairgrounds – Lots of new houses going in on Union Avenue. There are development talks about the corner of 179<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> on the East Corner.

Gloria Sommer – Andresen/St. Johns – They had their first meeting with good turnout. They have some member CERT trained and they have a neighborhood watch program. A new Walgreens is going in on 63<sup>rd</sup> and 2 industrial parks going in the neighborhood as well.

DOUG ANNOUNCED THAT A GOOD PORTION OF THE MAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MEETING WILL BE DEDICATED TO DISCUSSIONS ABOUT CONCERNS AND QUESTIONS MANY MEMBERS HAVE AND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE DISCUSSED. DOUG URGED EACH OF US TO PROVIDE HIM WITH SOME SUBJECT TITLES THAT WE HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT THAT CAN BE DISCUSSED AT THAT MEETING.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Gilbert, Secretary

Reviewed and Approved by Doug Ballou, April 16, 2006